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48 Male  
52 Female  
[109]

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Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	45	39	48	51	48	44	65	14	[138]
Wrong track.....	36	43	32	29	32	38	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	15	14	18	16	17	15	9	9	
Not sure.....	4	4	2	4	3	3	4	6	
		<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>			
		44	49	55	49	46			
		34	34	28	34	37			
		19	15	15	15	14			
		3	2	2	2	3			

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>8/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>1/99</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/98+</u>	<u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	66	66	60	60	58	60	68	68	41	[139]
Disapprove.....	31	29	35	35	36	35	29	29	50	
Not sure.....	3	5	5	5	6	5	3	3	9	
		<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>				
		58	59	60	65	61				
		37	35	34	30	34				
		5	6	6	5	5				

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>1/01*</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>1/99</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/93</u> <u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	70	74	70	69	72	68	78	40	40
Disapprove.....	22	18	20	25	23	25	17	51	51
Not sure.....	8	8	10	6	5	7	5	9	9
		<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>			
		69	73	74	71	70			
		23	19	18	23	22			
		8	8	8	6	8			

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\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>1/01**</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>10/98+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	60	59	54	55	57	51	70	32	
Disapprove.....	31	31	34	35	35	38	26	60	
Not sure.....	9	10	12	10	8	11	4	8	
		<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>			
		49	50	52	49	54			
		35	39	39	41	37			
		16	11	9	10	9			

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\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2d. Compared with the past several presidents, do you feel that Bill Clinton will turn out to have been one of the very best, better than most, not as good as most, or definitely worse than most of them?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>1/99</u>	
One of the very best.....	16	13	12	
Better than most.....	40	44	38	
Not as good as most.....	24	24	26	
Definitely worse than most.....	18	16	19	
Not sure.....	2	3	5	

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	George Bush <u>1989<sup>1</sup></u>	Ronald Reagan <u>1981<sup>2</sup></u>
One of the very best.....	7	11
Better than most.....	48	44
Not as good as most.....	31	28
Definitely worse than most.....	6	9
Not sure.....	8	8

<sup>1</sup> Results from a 1989 survey conducted by Lou Harris.

<sup>2</sup> Results from a 1981 survey conducted by Lou Harris.

2e. When it comes to President Clinton's leaving office, would you say that you are going to miss him, or not?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	
Going to miss him.....	43	40	[143]
Not going to miss him.....	53	55	
Depends (VOL).....	3	3	
Not sure.....	1	2	

2f. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	48	55	49	46	46	43	61	22	[144]
Disapprove.....	35	30	35	41	42	46	28	69	
Not sure.....	17	15	16	13	12	11	11	9	
		<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
		42	43	48	45	42	40	43	
		44	40	36	42	45	49	41	
		14	17	16	13	13	11	16	
		<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>		
		40	49	41	50	44	48		
		42	38	45	40	42	39		
		18	13	14	10	14	13		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3. Let us suppose that the next presidential election, which will take place in November 2004, were held today. For whom would you vote--George W. Bush, the Republican, or Al Gore, the Democrat?

George W. Bush.....	43	[145]
Al Gore.....	43	
Ralph Nader (VOL).....	1	
Pat Buchanan (VOL).....	-	
Other (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	8	

4. Through much of the 1990s, America enjoyed a strong economy. Which ONE of the following do you think was most responsible for the economy's success? (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>1/01*</u>	<u>12/98<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>9/98</u>	
Productivity of businesses and workers.....	31	28	32	[146]
The Clinton Administration.....	21	18	16	
Alan Greenspan and the Federal Reserve.....	18	18	20	
The national and international business cycles.....	10	12	14	
The Republican Congress' policies.....	7	10	8	
None of these (VOL).....	2	2	1	
All of these (VOL).....	4	4	3	
Not sure.....	7	8	6	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

<sup>1</sup> Prior to January 2001, this question was phrased, "Which one of the following do you think is the most responsible for the continued strong economy?"

5. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Bill Clinton</b>							<b>[147]</b>
January 2001.....	32	24	11	12	21	-	
December 2000.....	33	23	11	12	21	-	
<i>Likely voters</i> November 2000+.....	22	20	11	11	35	1	
<i>Likely voters</i> October 2000+.....	25	23	8	12	32	-	
September 2000+.....	25	25	10	13	27	-	
August 2000+.....	24	22	11	13	30	-	
July 2000+.....	22	27	11	12	28	-	
June 2000+.....	20	27	12	14	27	-	
April 2000+.....	22	27	13	11	27	-	
March 2000+.....	24	26	14	12	24	-	
January 2000.....	23	29	14	12	21	1	
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<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
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<i>Low</i>							
June 1999.....	19	25	12	15	28	1	
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	
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<b>George W. Bush</b>							<b>[148/155]</b>
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
December 2000.....	23	25	16	13	22	1	
November 27, 2000.....	31	19	11	19	20	-	
<i>Likely voters</i> November 2000+.....	30	23	13	13	20	1	
<i>Likely voters</i> October 2000+.....	28	25	15	13	18	1	
September 2000+.....	23	26	15	15	19	2	
August 2000+.....	28	23	17	14	17	1	
July 2000+.....	24	28	14	14	18	2	
June 2000+.....	16	29	23	15	15	2	
April 2000+.....	17	29	22	13	16	3	
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	
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<i>High</i>							
April 1999.....	23	32	25	8	6	6	
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<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Dick Cheney</b>							<b>[149/156]</b>
January 2001.....	23	26	26	9	7	9	
December 2000.....	23	26	22	10	11	8	
October 2000+.....	25	24	26	8	9	8	
September 2000+.....	17	26	22	12	8	15	
July 2000+.....	19	23	26	9	6	17	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>							<b>[150]</b>
January 2001*.....	27	22	13	12	24	2	
December 2000.....	27	23	16	10	23	1	
October 2000+.....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+.....	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+.....	19	22	16	13	29	1	
April 2000+.....	18	22	18	12	27	3	
March 2000+.....	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000.....	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999.....	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999.....	21	24	13	16	25	1	
September 1999.....	20	22	16	14	26	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
October 2000+.....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
<b>John McCain</b>							<b>[151]</b>
January 2001*.....	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+.....	18	32	25	9	6	10	
June 2000+.....	15	32	25	11	7	10	
April 2000+.....	16	30	27	12	5	10	
March 2000+.....	14	31	25	14	7	9	
January 2000.....	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999.....	12	22	24	4	2	36	
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	
April 1999.....	8	14	18	3	3	54	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>The Republican Party</b>							<b>[152]</b>
January 2001*.....	14	30	25	15	14	2	
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
October 2000+.....	14	29	25	16	14	2	
September 2000+.....	14	33	19	20	13	1	
August 2000+.....	19	27	23	14	15	2	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
June 2000+.....	9	30	28	16	15	2	
April 2000+.....	11	31	25	16	15	2	
March 2000.....	13	26	27	17	14	3	
January 2000.....	13	29	27	16	14	1	
December 1999.....	12	29	23	18	15	3	
<i>High</i>							
January 1995.....	17	33	25	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	1	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999.....	13	23	20	18	24	2	
<b>The Democratic Party</b>							<b>[153]</b>
January 2001*.....	21	26	22	16	13	2	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
October 2000+.....	20	27	20	15	16	2	
September 2000+.....	23	26	19	17	14	1	
August 2000+.....	21	26	23	16	13	1	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
June 2000+.....	15	32	23	15	13	2	
April 2000+.....	14	34	21	15	15	1	
March 2000+.....	18	28	27	13	12	2	
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
December 1999.....	17	29	24	16	12	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	
<b>Laura Bush</b>							<b>[154]</b>
January 2001*.....	16	18	34	4	5	23	
July 2000+.....	13	14	28	4	4	37	
<b>John Ashcroft</b>							<b>[157]</b>
January 2001**.....	8	12	26	8	14	32	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>							<b>[158]</b>
January 2001**.....	14	28	29	14	5	10	
December 2000.....	18	22	25	11	12	12	
October 2000+.....	19	28	27	9	6	11	
September 2000+.....	17	26	26	8	6	17	
August 2000+.....	19	21	27	7	4	22	
<b>Colin Powell</b>							<b>[159]</b>
January 2001**.....	48	26	16	4	1	5	
April 1997.....	47	30	14	3	2	4	
August 1996+.....	30	35	20	5	3	7	
June 1996+.....	37	32	19	3	3	6	
May 1996+.....	35	30	19	5	3	8	
December 1995.....	28	33	24	5	4	6	
October 1995.....	21	33	28	6	2	10	
<b>Al Gore</b>							<b>[160]</b>
January 2001**.....	22	29	15	15	18	1	
December 2000.....	23	21	11	14	30	1	
November 27, 2000.....	31	16	10	17	26	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	25	22	15	17	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	24	25	11	15	25	-	
September 2000+.....	26	26	14	15	18	1	
August 2000+.....	22	22	19	15	21	1	
July 2000+.....	17	26	18	15	23	1	
June 2000+.....	12	25	24	17	21	1	
April 2000+.....	15	26	20	16	21	2	
March 2000+.....	17	27	20	16	18	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2000+.....	12	25	24	17	21	1	
<b>Alan Greenspan</b>							<b>[161]</b>
January 2001**.....	31	25	18	8	3	15	
April 2000+.....	23	28	22	6	4	17	
December 1998.....	23	24	23	4	2	24	
<b>William Rehnquist</b>							<b>[162]</b>
January 2001**.....	7	17	29	8	5	34	
January 1999.....	13	15	28	5	2	37	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about the upcoming Bush Administration and the Congress.

- 6a. Let me read you a list of issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these goals you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP PRIORITY

	Q.6a Top Priority		Q.6a/b Top/Second Priorities	
Education.....	34		54	[163-166]
Social Security.....	16		39	
Taxes.....	13	CONTINUE	27	>
Prescription drug coverage for senior citizens.....	12		28	
National defense.....	12		23	
Campaign finance reform.....	5		11	
Other (VOL).....	-		1	
All equally (VOL).....	7	Skip to	7	
None of these (VOL).....	-	Q.7a	-	
Not sure.....	1		1	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A TOP PRIORITY IN Q.6a.)

- 6b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next priority for the federal government to address?

- 7a. I'd like to ask you to rate the degree of hope and optimism you have about the next four years as either very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, mixed, somewhat pessimistic, or very pessimistic.

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>1/93</u>	
Very optimistic.....	19	22	[167]
Somewhat optimistic.....	33	39	
Mixed.....	26	24	
Somewhat pessimistic.....	12	9	
Very pessimistic.....	9	5	
Not sure.....	1	1	

- 7b. Thinking about the conditions facing George W. Bush as he becomes president, do you think they are more difficult, about the same, or less difficult than those that faced Bill Clinton when he became president?

	George W. Bush_ <u>1/01</u>	Bill Clinton <u>1/93</u> <sup>1</sup>	
More difficult.....	53	55	[168]
About the same.....	27	34	
Less difficult.....	18	9	
Not sure.....	2	2	

<sup>1</sup> In January 1993, this question was phrased "Thinking about the conditions facing Bill Clinton as he becomes president,...than those that faced George Bush when he became president?"



8. Which do you think should be a greater priority for the Bush Administration--maintaining economic growth or restoring moral and family values?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>		<u>9/00+</u>	
			<u>11/00+</u>	<u>10/00+</u>		
Maintaining economic growth.....	46	37	31	28	44	<b>[169]</b>
Restoring moral and family values.....	37	40	38	42	36	
Both (VOL).....	16	21	28	27	18	
Neither/other (VOL).....	-	1	1	1	1	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	2	1	

<sup>1</sup> Prior to January 2001, this question was phrased "Which do you think should be a greater priority for the next president of the United States...?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 9a. How confident are you that George W. Bush has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	George W. Bush <u>1/01</u>	Bill Clinton <u>1/93</u>	
Extremely confident.....	19	16	<b>[170]</b>
Quite confident.....	21	31	
Only somewhat confident.....	36	37	
Not at all confident.....	22	13	
Not sure.....	2	3	

- 9b. How confident are you that George W. Bush has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	George W. Bush <u>1/01</u>	Bill Clinton <u>1/93</u>	
Extremely confident.....	15	19	<b>[171]</b>
Quite confident.....	25	31	
Only somewhat confident.....	37	35	
Not at all confident.....	21	13	
Not sure.....	2	2	

- 9c. When it comes to George W. Bush's ability to keep the nation's economy strong and growing, would you say that you are very confident, fairly confident, just somewhat confident, or not at all confident in his ability?

		<u>Likely Voters</u>						
	<u>1/01</u>	<u>11/00</u>	<u>10/00</u>	<u>9/00</u>	<u>6/00</u>	<u>4/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
Very confident.....	18	24	30	19	17	14	18	<b>[172]</b>
Fairly confident.....	25	21	19	21	24	17	25	
Just somewhat confident.....	35	24	27	29	31	36	32	
Not at all confident.....	19	28	22	27	24	28	18	
Not sure.....	3	3	2	4	4	5	7	

How confident are you that Bill Clinton has the right set of goals and policies in the area of economic affairs to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>1/93</u>
Extremely confident.....	12
Quite confident.....	32
Only somewhat confident.....	39
Not at all confident.....	13
Not sure.....	4

- 9d. Which best describes your feeling about how George W. Bush will do during his presidency--optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>11/00</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>11/00</u> <sup>+</sup>	<u>10/00</u> <sup>+</sup>	
Optimistic and confident.....	24	28	29	27	<b>[173]</b>
Satisfied and hopeful.....	35	24	25	29	
Uncertain and wondering.....	28	24	23	24	
Pessimistic and worried.....	12	22	21	19	
Not sure.....	1	2	2	1	

<sup>1</sup> Prior to January 2001, this question was phrased "Which of the following best describes how you would feel if George W. Bush were elected president...?"

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

10. Do you think that George W. Bush won the presidency legitimately?

Yes, won presidency legitimately.....	55	<b>[174]</b>
No, did not win presidency legitimately.....	39	
Not sure.....	6	

If George W. Bush wins the election, do you think that he will or will not have won the presidency legitimately?

	<u>12/00</u>
George W. Bush will have won the presidency legitimately.....	60
George W. Bush will NOT have won the presidency legitimately.....	32
Not sure.....	8

11. How much change do you think that George W. Bush will bring to the country--a great deal of change, a fair amount of change, or very little change?

	George W. Bush <u>1/01*</u>	Bill Clinton <u>1/93</u>	
A great deal of change.....	15	26	[175]
A fair amount of change.....	49	49	
Very little change.....	31	20	
Not sure.....	5	5	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

12. How would you rate George W. Bush on the following qualities, using a five-point scale on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

	<b>Very Good Rating</b>			<b>Very Poor Rating</b>		<b>Cannot Rate</b>	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
<b>Being sensitive to the needs of minorities</b>							[176/209]
January 2001.....	16	20	28	14	19	3	
<b>Being compassionate enough to understand average people</b>							[177]
January 2001*.....	21	21	27	14	16	1	
December 1999.....	22	24	28	10	12	4	
<b>Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country</b>							[178]
January 2001*.....	33	25	22	11	8	1	
December 1999.....	22	28	28	8	9	5	
<b>Representing traditional American values</b>							[179]
January 2001*.....	30	29	25	7	8	1	
<b>Working effectively with Congress to get results</b>							[180]
January 2001*.....	19	27	36	8	8	2	
December 1999.....	18	30	32	7	7	6	
<b>Being in charge and making his own decisions</b>							[208]
January 2001*.....	24	25	24	11	14	2	
<b>Having the ability to handle a crisis</b>							[210]
January 2001**.....	20	27	29	11	11	2	
<b>Being honest and straightforward</b>							[211]
January 2001**.....	28	22	25	11	13	1	
<b>Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president</b>							[212]
January 2001**.....	26	24	25	13	11	1	
December 1999.....	26	27	24	10	9	4	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.12 (cont'd)

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
<b>Being easygoing and likable</b>							<b>[213]</b>
January 2001** .....	36	23	21	9	10	1	
<b>Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency</b>							<b>[214]</b>
January 2001** .....	19	25	25	16	14	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

13a. Are you generally pleased or disappointed with the people George W. Bush has appointed to posts in his administration?

	George W. Bush <u>1/01</u>	Bill Clinton <u>1/93</u>	
Pleased.....	54	54	<b>[215]</b>
Disappointed.....	17	14	
Mixed, pleased with some (VOL).....	18	12	
Not sure.....	11	20	

13b. Do you believe that the people George W. Bush has appointed to serve in his administration are too liberal, too conservative, or a good balance?

Too liberal.....	4	<b>[216]</b>
Too conservative.....	22	
A good balance.....	57	
Mixed, some of both (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	11	

14. As you may know, George W. Bush has nominated former Missouri Senator John Ashcroft to be the next U.S. attorney general. John Ashcroft opposes abortion, affirmative action, and gun control. Overall, do you favor or oppose his serving as attorney general?

Favor.....	44	<b>[217]</b>
Oppose.....	45	
Not sure.....	11	

15. I'm going to read you a list of areas in which some people are concerned that George W. Bush will go too far. For each one, please tell me whether this concerns you or not.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY CONCERNED

	<u>Concerned</u>	<u>Not Concerned</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Passing school voucher legislation, which will affect funding for public schools.....	54	40	6	<b>[222]</b>
Allowing development and exploration of natural resources in wilderness lands.....	52	44	4	<b>[220]</b>
Regulating abortions.....	49	45	6	<b>[219]</b>
Cutting taxes.....	46	50	4	<b>[218]</b>
Appointing conservative justices to the Supreme Court.....	45	50	5	<b>[221]</b>
16a. As you may know, the new Congress will be closely divided between the two political parties, with the new Senate divided evenly between Democrats and Republicans. Do you think this will mean that the new				

Congress will cooperate more to get things done or that there will be even more partisan gridlock than before?

	<u>1/01*</u>	<u>12/00</u>	
Congress will cooperate more.....	30	26	[223]
More partisan gridlock.....	59	61	
Same as before (VOL).....	4	5	
Not sure.....	7	8	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 16b. As you may know, the new Congress will be closely divided between the two political parties, with the new Senate divided evenly between Democrats and Republicans. Whose responsibility do you think it is to make sure that there is cooperation in dealing with the issues of the day--George W. Bush and his administration, the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress? \*\*

George W. Bush and his administration.....	38	[224]
Democrats in Congress.....	12	
Republicans in Congress.....	7	
All of them (VOL).....	40	
Not sure.....	3	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 16c. As you may know, John McCain plans to introduce campaign finance reform legislation at the start of the new congressional session because he thinks that this would present the best possibility for passing this legislation. Senate Republican leaders think that Senator McCain should delay the introduction of campaign finance reform because other issues are more important and President-elect Bush does not think that it is a priority. Do you think that John McCain should introduce campaign finance reform legislation now or postpone it until later?

Introduce legislation now.....	39	[225]
Postpone until later.....	53	
Not sure.....	8	

- 17a. Independent Counsel Robert Ray is pursuing an investigation of potential obstruction of justice and other alleged wrongdoing during the Monica Lewinsky affair. This investigation could lead to charges being filed against President Bill Clinton after he leaves office. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view?

**Statement A:** If the evidence suggests that President Clinton might have broken the law, he should be prosecuted.

**Statement B:** President Clinton already has been through the impeachment process, and the matter should be dropped for the good of the country.

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	
<b>Statement A:</b> President Clinton should be prosecuted...	32	37	[226]
<b>Statement B:</b> The matter should be dropped.....	66	61	
Neither (VOL).....	1	-	
Not sure.....	1	2	

- 17b. Do you think that George W. Bush should or should not pardon Bill Clinton if Clinton were to face criminal charges related to the Monica Lewinsky case after he leaves office?

Should pardon.....	52	[227]
Should not pardon.....	39	
Not sure.....	9	

18. Which party do you think is more influenced by special interests and lobbyists--the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	<u>1/01**</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>11/96+</u>	<u>1/93</u>	
Democratic Party.....	26	28	30	32	30	33	27	32	32	[228]
Republican Party.....	27	30	29	29	30	30	28	29	34	
Both equally (VOL).....	35	28	30	28	30	28	36	28	23	
Not sure.....	12	14	11	11	10	9	9	11	11	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

**Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the economy.**

19. I'd like to read you a list of economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/9</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	
						3				
Inflation.....	8	6	8	6	5	6	5	8	8	[229-230]
Unemployment.....	10	35	35	33	37	40	43	40	37	
Energy prices.....	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Interest rates.....	6	5	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	
Keeping the federal budget balanced.....	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Federal taxes.....	11	11	12	10	8	11	12	11	10	
The U.S. trade deficit.....	7	8	9	9	9	7	6	8	6	
All equally important (VOL).....	12	4	6	5	5	7	4	4	4	
None is important (VOL).....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Not sure.....	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	
		<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>		
		6	4	7	7	6	7	11		
		40	44	44	44	46	46	37		
		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
		2	2	2	2	3	2	3		
		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
		11	9	7	5	5	5	7		
		8	7	8	8	10	8	8		
		4	5	3	5	5	8	10		
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		1	1	1	1	1	2	3		

20. In looking at 2001, do you think that it will be a time of economic expansion for you and your family and an opportunity to move ahead, or do you think that it will be a time to hold back and save because harder times are ahead?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/98</u>	
Time of expansion/opportunity.....	29	32	[231]
Time to hold back/harder times ahead.....	60	57	
Some of both (VOL).....	7	5	
Not sure.....	4	6	

- 21a. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>1/96</u>	
Very satisfied.....	18	29	23	26	27	31	31	3	[232]
Somewhat satisfied.....	57	52	53	54	55	55	55	37	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	18	12	17	13	12	10	10	38	
Very dissatisfied.....	6	6	7	6	5	3	3	19	
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	3	
		<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>			
		18	13	10	13	9			
		52	52	51	45	51			
		20	23	27	27	27			
		8	10	10	13	11			
		2	2	2	2	2			

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 21b. How satisfied are you with your own financial situation today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>12/94</u>	
Very satisfied.....	21	25	21	22	25	26	26	13	[233]
Somewhat satisfied.....	50	51	53	50	51	52	52	48	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	17	13	14	18	13	14	14	24	
Very dissatisfied.....	11	10	11	10	10	7	7	14	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	
		<u>12/9</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>			
		7							
		20	19	16	17	16			
		51	49	50	48	50			
		16	17	20	20	21			
		12	14	13	14	12			
		1	1	1	1	1			

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

21c. When it comes to your current job security, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

RESULTS DO NOT REFLECT RESPONSES OF THOSE WHO SAY DOES NOT APPLY TO THEM

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	
Very satisfied.....	49	46	45	40	41	38	37	[234]
Somewhat satisfied.....	33	35	33	38	37	36	40	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	8	9	10	11	10	12	12	
Very dissatisfied.....	9	9	11	10	11	13	11	
Does not apply (VOL).....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	
			<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>3/96</u>		
			36	37	38	36		
			38	39	37	37		
			13	10	12	14		
			12	13	12	12		
			NA	NA	NA	NA		
			1	1	1	1		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

22a. Here are a number of events that have happened in the past several months. For each one, please tell me how much this has affected you personally--a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or not at all.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY AFFECTED A GREAT DEAL

	<u>Affected A Great Deal</u>	<u>Affected Quite A Bit</u>	<u>Affected Just Some</u>	<u>Not Affected At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The price of gasoline.....	41	21	26	12	-	[236]
The rise in the price of heating oil and natural gas.....	39	18	24	18	1	[237]
The decline in the stock market.....	16	13	29	41	1	[235]
The slowdown in the economy.....	12	12	40	36	-	[238]

22b. Thinking ahead to a year from now, do you think that the value of the stock market will be much higher, somewhat higher, about the same, somewhat lower, or much lower than it is today?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	
Much higher.....	5	4	6	8	6	7	5	6	7	[239]
Somewhat higher.....	30	25	30	30	24	26	27	30	31	
About the same.....	35	35	35	35	39	35	35	32	35	
Somewhat lower.....	18	23	14	11	22	17	16	19	15	
Much lower.....	5	4	6	5	4	7	6	7	4	
Not sure.....	7	9	9	11	5	8	11	6	8	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.



23a. Do you think that there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	<u>1/01</u>		<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>3/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
Will be an economic recession.....	39	<b>CONTINUE</b>	43	26	30	31	23	30	<b>[240]</b>
Will not be an economic recession....	48	<b>Skip to Q.24</b>	43	55	53	55	66	56	
Not sure.....	13		14	19	17	14	11	14	
			<u>7/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>3/96</u>		
			22	15	19	23	32		
			68	77	70	67	53		
			10	8	11	10	15		
					<u>9/15-</u>	<u>9/4-</u>			
			<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>18/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>8/90</u>		
			73	66	51	58	57		
			19	24	35	30	26		
			8	10	14	12	17		
			<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>		
			25	30	23	30	31		
			49	57	64	56	56		
			26	13	13	14	13		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THAT THERE WILL BE AN ECONOMIC RECESSION IN Q.23a.)

23b. Do you think that the recession will be mild or severe?

Mild.....	74	<b>[241]</b>
Severe.....	17	
In between (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	2	

24. If there is an economic recession in the next twelve months, which of the following is likely to happen to you? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.)

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/98</u>	
You will have to cut back on everyday expenses.....	48	41	<b>[242]</b>
You will not be able to afford the extras, such as vacations or a new wardrobe.....	32	33	
You will lose income from overtime, bonuses, or commissions...	15	16	>
You will go into debt.....	11	11	
You will not be able to make house or car payments.....	6	9	
You will lose your job.....	6	7	
None of these (VOL).....	19	NA	
Not sure.....	2	4	

**Now I would like to ask you a few questions about the Federal Reserve and taxes.**

25a. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Alan Greenspan is doing as chairman of the Federal Reserve?

Approve.....	73	<b>[243]</b>
Disapprove.....	10	
Not sure.....	17	

25b. As you may know, the Federal Reserve recently cut short-term interest rates in an attempt to help the economy. Do you think that this action was done too early, too late, or at about the right time?

Too early.....	9	<b>[244]</b>
Too late.....	27	
At about the right time.....	53	
Not sure.....	11	

25c. Do you think that making large, across-the-board tax cuts for individuals and businesses will help the economy, hurt the economy, or not make much difference either way?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/97<sup>1</sup></u>	
Help the economy.....	41	44	<b>[245]</b>
Hurt the economy.....	18	12	
Not make much difference either way.....	32	40	
Not sure.....	9	4	

<sup>1</sup> In June 1997 this question was phrased, "Do you think cutting taxes for individuals and businesses . . ."

25d. If there were going to be a tax cut in the next year, which of the following would be your priority for a tax cut?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
A tax cut for moderate- and low-income Americans.....	29	34	<b>[246]</b>
A tax cut for all Americans.....	31	31	
Eliminating the so-called marriage penalty <sup>1</sup> .....	15	17	
A capital gains tax cut on stock and real estate sales.....	5	7	
An inheritance and estate tax cut <sup>2</sup> .....	7	4	
Combination (VOL).....	10	5	
None of these (VOL).....	-	-	
Not sure.....	3	2	

<sup>1</sup> In July 1999, this item was phrased, "eliminating the marriage penalty, which would cut taxes for married couples."

<sup>2</sup> In July 1999, this item was phrased, "eliminating inheritance and estate taxes."

- 25e. If Congress and the president cut taxes this year, which of these do you think is the better approach--an across-the-board cut in income-tax rates for all taxpayers, OR targeted tax cuts to help some people pay for specific needs such as education or health insurance?

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>7/99<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	
Across-the-board cut in income tax rates.....	46	49	45	45	<b>[247]</b>
Targeted tax cuts.....	44	43	46	46	
Both equal (VOL).....	6	3	2	3	
Neither (VOL).....	1	1	3	2	
Not sure.....	3	4	4	4	

<sup>1</sup> Prior to January 2001, this question was phrased "... OR targeted tax cuts for specific types of people, such as tax cuts to encourage savings and to afford health insurance."

- 25f. As you may know, George W. Bush has proposed a one-point-six-trillion-dollar tax cut over ten years. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

Favor.....	55	<b>[248]</b>
Oppose.....	31	
Not sure.....	14	

**FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.**

- F1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	91	<b>[249]</b>
Not registered.....	8	
Not sure.....	1	

- F2. Did you happen to vote in the 2000 presidential election? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote--George W. Bush, the Republican, Al Gore, the Democrat, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

Yes, voted for George W. Bush.....	38	<b>[250]</b>
Yes, voted for Al Gore.....	36	
Yes, voted for Ralph Nader.....	2	
Yes, voted for Pat Buchanan.....	-	
Yes, voted for other candidate (VOL).....	1	
Yes, not sure who voted for (VOL).....	1	
No, did not vote.....	16	
No, was too young to vote (VOL).....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	5	

- F3. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	9	50-54.....	9	<b>[251-252]</b>
25-29.....	9	55-59.....	8	
30-34.....	9	60-64.....	6	
35-39.....	11	65-69.....	4	
40-44.....	9	70-74.....	5	
45-49.....	12	75 and over.....	7	
		Refused.....	2	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[253-254]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	30	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F5. Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	25	[255-256]
White-collar worker.....	22	
Blue-collar worker.....	19	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	20	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	2	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F6. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	25	[263]
Not very strong Democrat.....	7	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	8	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other .....	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

F7. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	22	[264]
Moderate.....	41	
Conservative.....	33	
Not sure.....	4	

F8. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	20	<b>[265]</b>
Married.....	58	
Separated.....	3	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F9. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	38	<b>[266]</b>
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	61	
Not sure.....	1	

F10. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	48	<b>CONTINUE</b>	<b>[267]</b>
Catholic.....	30		
Jewish.....	2		
Other.....	13	<b>Skip to Q.F13</b>	
None.....	4		
Not sure/refused.....	3		

**(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F10.)**

F11. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	16	<b>[268]</b>
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	27	
Not sure.....	5	
Non-Protestants (Q.F10).....	52	

**(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F10.)**

F12. Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?

Yes, born-again Christian.....	24	<b>[269]</b>
No, not born-again Christian.....	23	
Not sure/refused.....	1	
Non-Protestants (Q.F10).....	52	

F13. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	16	<b>[270]</b>
Once a year.....	7	
A few times a year.....	16	
Once a month.....	8	
About twice a month.....	12	
Once a week or more often.....	37	
Not sure.....	4	

F14. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	10	[271]
Labor union household.....	6	
Non-union household.....	82	
Not sure.....	2	

F15. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? (IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	8	[272]
White.....	77	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F16. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	3	[273]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	9	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	12	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	11	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	9	
More than \$100,000.....	10	
Not sure/refused.....	18	